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## Notes and Comments.

GET ready for the National Conference.

REMEMBER the date—August 27,—  
Sep. 3.

ALSO the place—Winona Park, Eagle  
Lake, near Warsaw, Ind.

HAVE you elected your delegates for  
the National Conference?

4500 copies of the Doctrinal number  
have been ordered. Is *your* order in this  
number?

If you have not received blank creden-  
tials, write for them to the secretary, J.  
A. Miller, Ashland, O.

SEE your local ticket agent about tour-  
ist rates to Eagle Lake, Ind. If he has  
no tickets, have him get them for you.

FOR want of space elsewhere in this  
number, we insert by special request, an  
article on Mission Work by Brethren Mc-  
Faden and Roop on page 9. Read it  
carefully.

ATTENTION is called to the hotel rates  
as announced on page 9. Are there not  
75 persons who will take rooms so that we  
can have the special and uniform rate  
of \$1.25 per day. Those who will join  
this number will please inform the confer-  
ence secretary, J. A. Miller, Ashland, O.,  
at once.

ACCORDING to the eightieth annual re-  
port of the American Bible Society, the  
total issues of the Scriptures by the soci-  
ety at home and abroad for the year end-  
ing March 31, last, amounted to 1,750,-  
283 copies. The issues of the society  
during the eighty years of its existence  
amount to 61,705,841 copies. The Brit-  
ish Bible Society has issued since 1804,  
147,363,669 copies. Seventy-three other  
societies have issued 257,000,000 Bibles.

It would seem almost unnecessary to  
speak of the importance and necessity of  
maintaining a literature for a church.  
Our own progress will be just in propor-  
tion to the character and nature of the  
literature we give the world. Commenda-  
ble progress has been made by the Book  
and Tract Committee. It is needless to  
say that this work will need the notice of  
the conference.

ONE of the most important matters to  
come before the conference this year will  
be the report of the committee on Govern-  
ment and Expediency. It is almost the  
universal sentiment in our brotherhood  
that we need a better plan of procedure  
in conducting our conferences, both dis-  
trict and national; that we need some sys-  
tem of church supervision; that we need  
to concentrate our efforts.

THE college will also demand its share  
of attention and must have it. It seems  
that heretofore we pushed the college  
question aside with as much haste as pos-  
sible. We must now settle the matter one  
way or the other in a final and satisfacto-  
ry manner. We must have an education-  
al institution. There ought to be wisdom  
enough in the coming conference to take  
such steps as will assure the much desired  
consummation in our educational work.

RECENTLY while visiting a congrega-  
tion of Brethren the writer chanced to  
find some of the cards belonging to the  
"Silent Evangelism" series in use. This

item will emphasize what Brother McFa-  
den is urging upon us all so earnestly.  
The following is taken from the *Religious  
Telescope* and tells how

### SILENT EVANGELISM ORIGINATED.

"A Western pastor was looking out of  
his window one stormy day when he saw  
a poorly clad umbrella-mender calling  
from house to house without any appar-  
ent success. Touched with pity for his  
forlorn success, he opened his window  
and called out, 'Brother, come over here.'  
He first fed and warmed the man, then  
found an umbrella for him to work upon,  
and then sat down by his side and began  
to tell him of the Friend who 'sticketh  
closer than a brother.' The man was  
moved by the story, acknowledged his  
sin, which was the common one of strong  
drink, and knelt down and committed the  
keeping of his life to Jesus. As he rose  
he said, 'No one ever spoke to me in  
this way but once before;' and drawing  
from his pocket a soiled card which con-  
tained the simple name 'Mrs. W—,'  
and underneath the words, 'Who will  
pray for you daily,' or something to that  
effect, he added, 'A year ago a woman  
talked to me as you have done, and then  
gave me this card, and with all my faults  
there has not been a day since that I have  
not taken out this card and read it over  
and tried to be a better man because this  
woman is praying for me. So far I know  
she is the only friend I have in this world,  
except—except you. I thank you for  
your interest in me, and with God's help  
I will try to lead a Christian life.' So  
impressed was the pastor with what this  
little card had done for that friendless  
man that he began to ponder the subject  
and pray over it, and finally devised the  
little cards and case to hold them which are  
known as 'Silent Evangelism.' The  
cards are neatly printed in colors, with  
gilt edges, and are adapted to people of  
different ages and conditions in life. No  
one can tell how far their influence may  
go when they give a kind word and a leaf-  
let to anyone who calls at the door."